

# Mary (Carlisle) Schultheis

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BANGOR - Mary C. Schultheis, 70, a retired municipal planner, died Wednesday, April 4, 2012, at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, following a battle with lymphoma. Mary, known by family members and close childhood friends as "Kibby," was born May 19, 1941, in Bangor, the daughter of George and Elizabeth (Mason) Carlisle. She was a 1959 graduate of Bangor High School, and received an A.B. degree in comparative literature from Pembroke College in Brown University in 1963. Mary's extensive professional life included employment in publishing and a long career in public administration. While living in the Washington, D.C., area, Mary held governmental positions with the CIA and U.S. Department of Transportation.

In 1974 she moved with her husband, Bruce E. Schultheis, to Anchorage, Alaska. For more than 20 years, she worked in and consulted for municipal government agencies across the state, including city management positions for the remote Aleutian islands of St. George and Atka. Mary returned to Bangor in 1998 and became involved in the Bangor community, serving on the boards of Hudson Museum and Bangor Museum and History Center. She was a member of Bangor Women's Investment Club, PEO-Maine Chapter B, and she particularly enjoyed participating in the P.E.O. knitting group. She also enjoyed travel and literature, and was ever ready for a good game of bridge. Mary is survived by her children, Elizabeth Bradley and her husband, James, of Charlestown, Mass., and Robert Schultheis and his wife, Jaime, of Edmond, Okla.; and three grandchildren, Charles and Sawyer Schultheis and Logan Bradley. Also surviving are her brother, David Carlisle and his wife, Susan, of Bangor; aunts, Pauline Carlisle of Bangor and Margaret Speirs of Bangor and Fort Myers, Fla.; numerous cousins around the country; and nephews, Nicholas Carlisle and Jonathan Carlisle and his wife, Leigh, all of Boston, and Benjamin and Sarah Carlisle of Bangor. In addition to her parents, Mary was predeceased by her husband, Bruce; and a nephew, Christopher Carlisle. A celebration of Mary's life for family and friends will be held 4-6 p.m. Friday, April 13, at the Family Reception Center of Brookings-Smith, 163 Center St., Bangor. Interment will be at Mount Hope Cemetery. If desired, gifts in Mary's memory may be sent to Bangor Public Library, 145 Harlow St., Bangor, ME 04401. Condolences to the family may be expressed at [www.BrookingsSmith.com](http://www.BrookingsSmith.com).

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## Comments from Classmates in E-mails

**Sally (Hill) Reed** – Just received the terribly sad news that our beloved friend and classmate, Kibbie Carlisle Schultheis passed away this evening at Dana Farber Cancer Hospital in Boston after a tumor beyond treating appeared 10 days or so ago- she was flown back to Boston from Sarasota where she had spent the winter months....we are grieving for her daughter, step son, grandchildren, brother & sister-in law- and all her extended family- I am so very sorry to add this additional loss to the growing roster of our school classmates and lifelong friends. Live each and every day to the fullest extent possible.. I know Kibbie did. She was a inspiration to us all in that regard. Sally

I am still reeling from this sad news- she has been a lifelong friend- and her life was cut far too short- we will miss her immensely- especially those who see her frequently here in Bangor and have spent a lot of time in her presence since

her return from Alaska over 12 years ago...this adds another to the growing roster of BHS classmates who have passed from our midst this year...I am grieving for her family- but glad she is no longer suffering. Prayers are being said in her memory tonight by many. Sally

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Sally to John Thomas -

I think today has been one of experiencing sympathetic death pains for Kibbie---I have been flattened out in pain my self all day long- I grieve , as we all do, for the far too early loss of our life long friend, John--but I am relieved for her..she has really been thru the mill of the health care system- and she is now joined in everlasting peace with her dear friends Betsey, Helen-Marie, her mother & dad, her husband who none of us really knew that well- ....may she rest in peace. You are going to need, like to remain close to those of us who spent so much time in her presence these past 12 years or so- there aren't many of us remaining her in Bangor.....thought and prayers are with David, Susan ,Ebet, Rob and all the grand children love to you Sally

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John Thomas to Sally - Good Wednesday Evening! I was going to call you with the wonderful news that the folks at Dana Faber decided that Kibby was a candidate for a chemo session. E-bet conveyed the news to Judy Hasey and Judy called Sarabel. However, the elation was very short lived. Sarabel learned this morning that Kibby is simply too weak to withstand the chemo bombardment. She is sleeping 90 % of the time and she is leaving this world as gracefully as she can. I am grieving the potential loss of a very dear friend. She has become a fixture around the house the past twelve years. Having her around was like having a comfortable pair of slippers. I knew her health was not the best, but I did not expect her to go downhill so damn fast. Tonight my heart is heavy and there are no words sad enough to convey my thoughts. I will keep you posted if there is any news....love, john

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Sally to John Feeley - I truly appreciate your kind thoughts, John....Kib's memorial gathering was yesterday afternoon at Brookings Smith- attended by about 120 I think John Thomas kept track of- he did the catering along with his mate Sarabel- who did all the table flowers---we had many of our BHS classmates there- it was solacing to be able to commune among friends- as I guess is the true purpose of the custom of such events--Her daughter and step son plus their three little ones will not be so likely to be coming to Bangor any longer- these events really change a lot of established patterns as you are probably very aware yourself as you've gone thru the same losses of your own in past years. Hope Irma is managing OK. I did drop by to see her a while ago- but she wasn't at home. Please send her my regards when you next communicate. I thank you for your thoughts. Sally